

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21. (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, An apparatus for dispensing at least one material to a periodontal pocket comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry;

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member; and

a quantity of dry particles, at least a portion of the dry particles within the tip, wherein the body portion includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

23. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

24. (original) The apparatus of claim 23, additionally comprising:
an external force applying member.

25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the handle includes:
a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and
a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;

the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of the body portion of the barrel.

27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:
a proximal end and a distal end; and
a thumb ring at the proximal end.

28-35. (cancelled)

36. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 35, An apparatus for dispensing material comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry; and

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member,
wherein the body portion includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary blocking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

38. (original) The apparatus of claim 36, additionally comprising:
an external force applying member.

39. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

40. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the handle includes:
a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and

a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;
the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of
the body portion of the barrel.

41. (original) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:

a proximal end and a distal end; and
a thumb ring at the proximal end.

42-46. (cancelled)

47-48. (cancelled)